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To: Office of Policy and Planning

From: Kendra Abkowitz, Director

Date: August 8, 2016

Re: Watauga Lake Salvage Projects

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) received a request for comment from the Unaka Ranger District of the Cherokee National Forest on the proposed Dry Hill Salvage Project and Little Milligan Salvage Project, which are categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to 36 CFR 220.6 (e)(13) and 36 CFR 220.6 (e)(6), respectively. Both projects focus on the logging of dead, down, and wind thrown timber to reduce public safety hazards, decrease remaining wildlife fuel loads, and promoting a health forest.

TDEC's Division of Natural Areas (DNA) and Tennessee State Parks and Real Property Management have reviewed the proposed projects and supporting materials and have indicated that it is not necessary for the department to provide comments.

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